

## REMARKS

The present application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 20, 2008. Claims 28, 43, 46, 48, and 49 are presented for examination, of which Claim 28 is in independent form. Claims 1, 8, 11, 21, 22, 24, 35, 38, 40, and 41 have been cancelled, without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter presented therein. Claim 28 has been amended purely as to formal matters. Favorable reconsideration is requested.

The Office Action indicates that Claims 1 and 24 are rejected on the alleged grounds of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting, as being unpatentable over Claims 1 and 4, respectively, of U.S. Patent No. 7,002,964. Cancellation of Claims 1 and 24 renders the rejections thereof moot.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 8, 11, 21, 22, 35, 38, 40, and 41 would be allowable if rewritten in proper independent form. These claims have been cancelled along with their corresponding independent claims, and thus will not be addressed further.

Applicants gratefully acknowledge the indication that Claims 28, 43, 46, 48, and 49 are allowed. Because these claims are the only claims remaining in the present application, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is in condition for allowance.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants respectfully request favorable reconsideration and an early passage to issue of the present application.

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